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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Kollar-Kotally:

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the Proposed Final Judgement (PFJ) against Microsoft. As a management consultant to leading companies in the high-tech industry, including AOL (formerly Netscape), Intuit, and Hewlett-Packard, I have personally witnessed the damaging and anti-competitive behavior of Microsoft. In several cases Microsoft forced my clients to make product decisions that were not in the interest of the consumer, but that were necessary to avoid open retaliation by Microsoft -- which is in line with what federal courts have found when they reviewed the Microsoft antitrust case over the last three years.

Unfortunately, I cannot see, how the PFJ will change this behavior in the future. On the contrary, by not severely penalizing Microsoft for past unethical and anticompetitive behavior and not really curbing the same behavior in the future, this seems like an encouragement for Microsoft to continue with their way of "business as usual".

So I urge you not to approve the PFJ but to request a judgement that adequately addresses both the past and the future of Microsoft's industry-damaging behavior.

Sincerely

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